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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 04012.0373-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
R. W. ESMOND et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1618  
Application No.: 09/394,712 ) Examiner: Vickie Y. KIM  
Filed: September 13, 1999 )  
For: METHOD FOR TREATING OR ) Confirmation No.: 4740  
PREVENTING ALZHEIMER'S )  
DISEASE )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**STATUS INQUIRY**

According to our records, the above-identified application was suspended on October 27, 2006, for a period of six month due to a potential interference. The letter of suspension stated that “[u]pon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.”

In view of those circumstances, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests that the Office advise him of the status of this application as soon as possible in order to determine whether further action by the Applicants is required at this time.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this paper and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: April 27, 2007

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